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At it the only signs of summer left are the moth holes in our heavy winter clothes that we got out of the closet for the cold spell.

The introduction to the Greater Vermont number (regular January issue) of The Vermont just out, by Hon. Joseph A. DeBoer, should receive the careful consideration and serious thought of every Vermonter. This article bristles with good ideas and practical suggestions which, if carried out would prove beneficial and advantageous to the State and its people. For sale at all news stands 10 cents, or mailed to any address, o. will be sent at once to new subscribers remitting one dollar for a year's subscription for 1909, by the publisher, C. S. Forbes, St. Albans, Vt.

COUNCIL OF WAR.

Secretary of War and Officials Decide to Send General Elliott.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—After a conference between Secretary Moody, Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Brigadier General George Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, it was decided that if present conditions on the isthmus of Panama continue General Elliott will sail for Colon on the Dixie from Philadelphia when that vessel goes south with the new battalion of marines which has been ordered assembled at Philadelphia for dispatch to the isthmus.

The Dixie is now on her way north for this purpose. General Elliott has been anxious for some days to be given a field command, and it is the present intention of the officials to grant his request. It was said at the navy department that in view of the growing complications over the Panama situation it was inadvisable longer to announce the plans of the department with the freedom shown during the last few weeks, and for that reason a cablegram received from Rear Admiral Coghlan was not made public.

REVOLT IN HONDURAS.

Ex-President Sierra Will Try to Oust President Bonilla.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 19.—Advises received here by steamer indicate that another revolution is imminent in Honduras and that it is expected to take place soon after the first of the year. It is expected to be fostered by ex-President Sierra through a special envoy with the purpose of ousting President Bonilla.

On his retirement from the executive chair of Honduras President Sierra named Senor Armas for president, and he was given the position. Then Bonilla organized a revolution and overthrew Armas, who is now an exile and in prison at Tegucigalpa.

It is said the people are dissatisfied with the conduct of the government, especially in the matter of the Honduras railway. This was built by English capitalists. Since its construction not a cent of interest or principal has been paid the bondholders, and it is asserted that the English government will take cognizance of the matter and force payment.

IN THE SENATE.

Daniel of Virginia Supported Hour's Motion for Information.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The relationship of the United States to the new republic of Panama continued to be the leading theme in the senate, but the discussion was confined to one senator.

Mr. Daniel of Virginia was the speaker, and he advocated the acceptance of Mr. Hour's resolution calling on the president for more information relative to the November revolution in Panama. He said that so far as the available information shows the executive authorities of the United States had knowledge of the revolution in advance of the people of the isthmus, and he contended that the action of this country in preventing the landing of Colombian troops in Panama was without precedent.

Mr. Fulton made a speech in support of the bill to give aid to the proposed Lewis and Clark expedition at Portland, Ore., in 1905.

Roosevelt Refused Request.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Penrose, Representative Olmstead and Charles H. Mullens saw the president and urged him to remove the order of suspension against West Point Cadet Steers of Pennsylvania, who was suspended from the academy for one year because of misconduct. The president said that he would not be able to carry out the request, as Cadet Steers had received extremely light punishment for his offense.

Boys' Books For Christmas

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NOTICE!

Bennington County Savings Bank.

The annual meeting of the incorporators of the Bennington County Savings Bank will be held at the office of said Bank in its bank building in Bennington, Vt., on the first Wednesday, (6th day) of January, A. D. 1909, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business found necessary when met, especially to fill vacancies in the number of incorporators and to alter and revise the by-laws.

C. H. DEWEY, Secretary.
Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 25, 1908. 4465

WEALTH OF LEO XIII

Cardinal Gotti Presents Bag Containing \$9,000,000.

LEO THOUGHT GOTTI HIS SUCCESSOR

Treasure Was Confided by the Late Pontiff to Be Given to His Successor Four Months After His Death.

ROME, Dec. 19.—The Vatican has just had sudden wealth poured into its coffers. For some time certain sums which were known to be possessed by Pope Leo were looked for without result, the search toward the end becoming somewhat feverish.

Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, accompanied by Mgr. Marzolini, one of the late pope's secretaries, drove up to the Vatican and, getting out hurriedly, began tugging at a heavy object in the carriage.

Assistance was offered, but it was firmly refused, and Cardinal Gotti and Mgr. Marzolini between them carried the mysterious object to the apartment of Pope Pius. They were immediately admitted and remained for two hours.

Intense curiosity was aroused by this act, as it was believed to have some relation to the missing wealth, and the wildest rumors were circulated. It soon became known, however, that the bag contained \$9,000,000 in bank notes.

When Cardinal Gotti entered the presence of the pope he sank to his knees and, pointing to his burden, said: "Your holiness, the lamented Leo just before his death confided to me the money which I now lay at your feet, saying that if I succeeded him I was to use it as I thought best, but that if another took his place I was to turn the money over to him after a period of four months had elapsed. This I now do in the presence of Mgr. Marzolini, who has been the only other person to share the secret."

The pope was much affected. It is said that it never rains but it pours, for just about the time this scene was being enacted in the papal apartments an electrician while removing the hangings in the late Pope Leo's chamber in order to get at the electric light wires found in a hole in the wall several bags which were carelessly tied. These bags when opened were found to contain \$1,850,000 in gold.

Leo Wanted to Teach Economy.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—A Rome correspondent says that Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda and one of the executors of the will of Leo XIII., was received by the pope and informed his holiness that he held a large sum of money confided to him by the late pope with the mission that he should hand it to the new pontiff four months after his election. The alleged reason for Pope Leo's course is that he wished his successor to learn how difficult it would be to rule the church without money, thereby impressing upon him the necessity for economy. The sum left by Pope Leo is said to amount to \$7,000,000.

Shipyard Hearing Revelations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Expecting that the examination of Charles B. Alexander of the law firm of Alexander & Green would prove interesting, the attendance at the inquiry into the affairs of the United States Shipbuilding company was noteworthy. For the first time Colonel John J. McCook was in attendance. C. M. Schwan was an interested listener. Mr. Dickson and Judge Reed of the Bethlehem company and Mr. McIlvaine, another of the steel corporations, were on hand besides former Assistant United States Treasurer Charles J. Cana, J. Asplaval Hodge and Mr. Green. The day's sessions were longer than usual and touched upon many matters not previously revealed in the notation of the shipyard enterprise, besides abounding in personal allusions to distinguished financiers here and in Paris.

The Two Croatian Prisoners.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19.—The two Croatians who are suspected of being the murderers of Contractor Samuel T. Ferguson are still in confinement here, but will be taken to Washington county today. As yet neither prisoner has made a statement, and Superintendent of Detectives McQuaid will not permit them to be put through the "seventeen" process. The Austria-Hungarian ambassador has provided counsel for the men to give them every assistance possible in their defense.

Jackson's Chief of Staff Dead.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 19.—General Henry Kyd Douglas, Stonewall Jackson's chief of staff during the civil war, died at his home in this city last night. A general failing in health, including mental trouble, was the cause of his death. He was sixty-three years old. His sister, Mrs. Beckenbaugh, and her son and daughter are the only survivors. General Douglas never married.

Torpedo Fleet Going South.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 19.—The second torpedo boat flotilla, under command of Lieutenant Harbry Johnson, has arrived here from Norfolk and left for the southward today. In the fleet are the torpedo boat destroyers Lawrence, Stewart, Truxton, Worden and Whipple.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Dr. Francis W. Higgins dropped dead in his office at Cortland, N. Y.

The president has nominated I. Snowden Haines to be collector at Burlington, N. J.

The centennial celebration of the transfer of the Louisiana territory from France to the United States has been set for 1909.

A FOURTH SHAMROCK

Sir Thomas Lipton Announces He Will Come Again.

A SILVER SERVICE FROM AMERICANS

The Baronet Said He Could Always "Raise the Wind" Except at Sandy Hook, but Is Ready For Another Race.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Sir Thomas Lipton announced his readiness to again challenge for the America's cup when the silver service subscribed for by the people of the United States was presented to him at a dinner held at the Hyde Park hotel last night. The dinner was attended by several members of the house of commons, the members of the London presentation committee, including John R. Carter, second secretary of the United States embassy; Captain Charles H. Stockton, United States naval attaché, and Major John R. Beacom, United States military attaché, and by nearly a hundred Americans resident in London as well as several who are now visiting here.

Consul General Evans presided and in presenting the service said that it was unprecedented for such an honor to be paid a foreigner by the people of the United States, but that Sir Thomas Lipton had won the golden opinions of those from whom he tried to wrest the America's cup.

Sir Thomas Lipton, replying, said he was a proud man to be the recipient of such a splendid gift, adding, "It will be cherished by me as my most valued treasure."

Referring in a humorous vein to the value of the gift in "raising the wind," Sir Thomas said that he never really had any difficulty in so doing except at Sandy Hook. He had hoped, he said, to add an interesting item to the fiscal controversy by increasing British silver imports with that interesting import, the America's cup. Having failed to do so, he found in this silver service a splendid substitute.

Speaking with much feeling, Sir Thomas said that if any action of his had tended to the development of a better feeling between Great Britain and the United States it would be a source of sincere happiness to him to the end of his days, though what he had done was merely a slight return for the generosity and courtesy showered upon him by the American people. Continuing, Sir Thomas said: "The love which always exists between a true mother and a true daughter—however wealthy and aristocratic that daughter may become, including duchesses and other Americans—should keep the two countries together. America's progress toward the southern pole was only hindered by the newly founded republic of Panama, and we must work together for the peace of the world. 'Blessed are the peacemakers,'" quoted Sir Thomas, who amidst laughter finished the quotation, "for they shall inherit the earth."

Sir Thomas said that he had sent a letter to the New York Yacht club dealing with another possible challenge for the cup. He added that he was quite willing to have one last try, "provided I have a reasonable chance of success, especially as the next Shamrock will be a lucky four leaved one."

An entertainment by American artists brought to a close a thoroughly successful event.

Columbia Won at Basketball.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Columbia's basketball team last night defeated the Williams college team in the Columbia gymnasium by a score of 16 to 9. Columbia led at the end of the first half by 12 to 5. Columbia's weakness was in poor shooting, while the visitors' strength lay in good defense.

Decapitated Body Found.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 19.—A decapitated body, with two New York city addresses in the pockets of the clothing, was found on the New Haven railroad tracks here. On a scrap of paper was the address, "Thannery, 107 East Seventy-fifth street," and a pair of rimless gold bowed eyeglasses were in the case of a dealer at 21 Union square, New York. The man was about thirty-five years old and well dressed.

General Tariff Bill For Cuba.

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—Since the settlement of the reciprocity question by the passage and signing of the treaty at Washington representatives of Cuban business interests have been urging upon the government the early passage of the long projected general tariff bill so as to have it take effect as nearly as possible concurrently with the putting of the reciprocity treaty into operation.

Senator Harrison Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—State Senator John T. Harrison, who was last week nominated by the Republicans for receiver of taxes of this city, is dead at his home here. John T. Harrison was born in England in 1849 and came to this country while still an infant. He served throughout the civil war in the Eleventh Maryland volunteers.

Head of Syndicate Held.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—John A. Bensch, the head of what is styled as the California Land syndicate, has been arrested here on a charge of bribing an interdepartment employee, Woodford B. Hurlan. He was held in \$5,000 bail by United States Commissioner Taylor.

Murder Trial Jury Disagreed.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 19.—The jury in the case of J. E. Starke, charged with the murder of John F. Angel, failed to agree on a verdict. Starke will be tried again in February.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of North Bennington, Vt., will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other proper and necessary business.